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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

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Japanese patent application publication number 11-500939 A, Japanese patent application publication number 7-41078 A, Japanese patent application publication number 63-238876 A, Japanese patent application publication number 2005-000553 A and European patent application publication number 0 277 366 A, which were also cited in the enclosed European Official Action dated April 1, 2008, were cited in the PCT International Search Report and made of record in the First Information Disclosure Statement filed in the this application on June 14, 2006.

The documents are being submitted after a first Office Action on the merits but prior to the closing of prosecution, therefore under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is enclosed.

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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